

Short Description of Harar Vision Net Volunteer Professionals Association for Development & Consultancy (HVNVPADC)

General

Harar Vision-Net Volunteer Professionals Association for Development & Consultancy (HVNVPADC), **Harar Vision Net, in short**, is a non-profit, non-political, and non-religious voluntary organization legally established by the initiation of Harari volunteer professionals to support and complement the development activities & efforts of the government and to make significant contribution in filling the critical capacity gaps in support of the development process especially at the Wereda and Kebele Level through promoting, mobilizing and coordinating multi-professionals volunteers. Although the establishment of the organization is about 2 years, the founding members of the association are qualified professionals with profound experience and extensive exposure in government and non government with various levels of positions. Above all the association in general and members of the association as well has enthusiastic interest in volunteer actions and values free will, commitment, engagement & solidarity which is the foundation for the volunteerism. Currently the association has 26 members all of which are first degree and above holders from different fields. And many associate members. The association embraces an increasing number of professional volunteers from different fields, associate members and partner organizations in different regions which serve as an asset for the achievement of its objectives.

OBJECTIVE OF HARAR VISION-NET

General Objective

The general objective of the Association is to give technical & expertise assistance and to provide professional consulting service & support and participate in the government's poverty reduction programs, socio-economic development activities as well as in the endeavors & activities of promoting good governance and democracy through promoting, mobilizing and coordinating multi-professionals volunteers.

Specific Objectives

Specific objectives of the Association are the following:

A). To insist, initiate, motivate, promote and create conducive environment whereby professionals & experts work hard & committed in their work place and occupant and where

after voluntarily provide technical & professional assistance & support to the government's development activities as well as to the community's activities & efforts in alleviating poverty.

B). Promote & coordinate different professional volunteers to actively participate and integrable contribution to socio-economic development as well as to the effort of the development of democratization; and to develop a system that improve the expertise knowledge & experience by building network among professionals and by getting lesson-learned in practicing.

C). To facilitate educational & training opportunities so as to upgrade the capacity of the volunteer professionals and motivate their initiative ness & efforts.

D). To promote , facilitate, provide professional & technical support and consulting service to the grass-root community so as solve its problems & fulfill its priority needs by mobilizing its resources-finance, labour ,and indigenou knowledge.

E). Supporting the government, sector bureaus and particularly local government bodies by narrowing the capacity gaps in their effort to implementation poverty reduction programes and other development policies, programmes and projects as well as service delivery improvement programes through provision of training and consultancy service & technical assistance.

F). To provide similar assistance & support to neighboring regions in accordance to the partnership agreement of Harari Region with the neighboring regional states.

G). In general ,to participate in and provide organized ,concerted holistic professional & technical contribution, on voluntary basis, to enhance the government's development activities and the grass-root community as well.

MAIN ACTIVITIE HARAR VISION-NET INVOLVED IN

By enrolling , mobilizing and coordinating various volunteer professionals involved in different sectors, the Association would involved and participated in poverty reduction programes ,socio-economic development as well as the development of democratization process & efforts undertaken by the governments, non-government organizations and the community as well ; and would provide technical & professional consultancy support..However, the Association mainly focus ,but not limited to the following;

- ***HIV/AIDS Activities***
- *Information, Communication Technology;*
- *Primary Health Care, Family Planning, & Reproductive Health Care*

- *Gender & Development;*
- *Civics and Ethics Education;*
- *Capacity Building*
- *Democratization & Good Governance;*
- *Environment Protection and Sanitation;*
- *Urban Development;*
- *Food Security;*
- *Poverty Reduction Programmes*
- *Micro & Small Scale Business Development;*
- *Business Plan Preparation ,Market Studies and Business Development Service Delivery;*
- *Socio-economic Studies, Project & Proposal Document Preparation & implementation;*
- *Monitoring and Evaluation Studies;*
- *Integrated Wereda(Local) development;*
- *Curriculum and Training Material Development;*
- *Policy Analysis & Formulation;*
- *Population and Development;*
- *And Other Similar Activities.*

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

With its infant age, the association has undertook various activities and projects. Among those the following major activities and projects are mentioned.

- ***Establishment of Harar Multi-Purpose Information and Resource Center***, with the total project cost of 50 thousand USD secured by World Bank through ICTAD. The status of the project: agreement signed and it is under site preparation and other start-ups.
- ***“Move Team”Project which is NGO-led peer education*** aimed at reducing stigma and promoting discussion and dialogue on HIV/AIDS, gender inequality, harmful traditions and family planning STI etc ,in collaboration with GTZ HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming Unit.

The Status of the project:-The association was selected as a guardian organization by GTZ and the association has assigned coordinator.

- Fifteen youths and women were selected and get ToT on the New Move Team
- Training materials were developed and delivered to the Association.

- All training logistics and materials handoverd.
- Refreshment training conducted.

- ***Sensitization and Capacity Building Program for physically disabled person:***aimed to sensitize the public about the problem and the need for taking care of the disables through the public campaign and the provision of free wheelchair for 100 disabled person.

The Status of the project:ongoing.100 free wheelchairs were secured and it is under preparation.

- ***Harari Community-Based Aids Initiative Project:***A 2 year project targeted to Harari Society focusing on integrated and grass root approach in the prevention, control treatment & care and support in Hiv/Aids, which is a major to Hrari Society .

The Status of the project: under preparation.

Partner Organizations.

Constituency Relief and Development Association Ethiopia.-CRDAE

German Technical Cooperation Hiv/Aids Mainstreaming Unit.

World Bank through ICTAD Project.

Poverty Action Network Ethiopia.

Initiative Africa.

Action Professionals Association for People APAP-Ethiopia.